

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 6, 11, 26, and 32 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Without acceding to the treatment of the other claims in the outstanding Office Action, Applicants have taken the following actions in order to place this application in condition for allowance. Rejected Claim 27 and all withdrawn claims have been cancelled, with the exception of Claim 13, which has been amended to depend from allowed Claim 6. Claim 14 has been restored to dependent form, dependent from Claim 6. Claim 32 has been amended to correct a typographical error. New dependent Claims 33-34 have been added, Claim 33 corresponding to the original multiple dependency of Claim 13 from Claim 11, and Claim 34 corresponding to the original multiple dependency of Claim 14 from Claim 11.

As a result of the aforementioned actions, independent Claims 6 and 11, and dependent Claims 13, 14, 26 and 32-34, remain pending in this application. Claims 6, 11, 26 and 32 stand allowed. Dependent Claims 13, 14, and 33-34

should also be allowed (with rejoinder as may be required) in view of the allowability of their respective base claims.

Applicants reserve the right to present any cancelled claims in a continuing application.

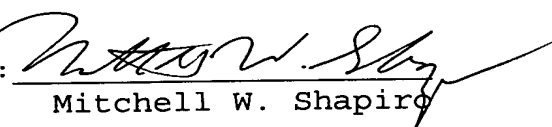
A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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